So, after consultation, the Sergeant was sent for Mr Davies and his man into the HaE After a while they came up, and notice being given the man only was sent for into the House; and, after some questions put, the Sergeant was commanded to take him forth, and to command one of his men to go with him to Lincoln's Inn to fetch the book The book being brought was well scanned by the Privy Councillors and found to be a mere toy, an old book entitled *7he Second Part of Jack of Dover,* a thing both stale and foolish, for which Mr Doyley is well laughed at and his credit much impeached in the opinion of the House.

There was discussion also on pluralities of benefices in a bill for redressing certain inconveniences in the statute of *zi* Henry VIII, which was variously disputed Dr. Crompton amongst many other speeches wished that pluralities of offices might be taken from the laity, and then pluralities of benefices from the spirituality. In former ages impropnations were given to the spirituality and no pluralities allowed , also spiritual men were bound by ecclesiastical canons of marriage, so that they might live with far less charge than now they do, but having taken from them first the impropnataons, they cannot keep that hospitality which is required And next marriage being toler-ated, they Lving at great charge both of wife and children, one benefice of small cure sufficeth not

Dr James said, * It hath been said that pluralities are the cause of bringing corruption into the Church , but that, under favour, I think the contrary, because corruption is commonly where poverty is , but if competent living be given the minister, I see no reason why just men should judge there to be corrup-tion Secondly, it was said that it would be a

means of preaching the word, for that I answer that if hope of competent living be taken away, it will be a means to make the best wits refuse the study of divinity. And therefore an historian saith well that *sublatts praemns corrumfunt artes* Consider besides that in England there are above eight thousand eight hundred and odd parishes, six hundred of which do but afford competent living for a minister , what then shall become of the multitude of our learned men | They have no other preferments unless it be some deanery, prebendary or such like, which is no easy matter to do, they being so few, especially in this catching age